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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS: CONCLUSIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CONCLUSIONS AGREED TO BY PARTICIPANTS IN DEC 6-7 BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. THIS TEXT IS NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC. A SEPARATE PRESS RELEASE WAS DRAFTED (SEPTEL).

2. CONCLUSIONS BELOW WILL BE SENT BY MEXICAN UNDER-SECRETARIAT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (SMA) TO SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. WHEN LATTER HAS GRANTED GOM APPROVAL, EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED BY NOTE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY AUTHORIZATION TO INDICATE USG APPROVAL IN RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED NOTE FROM FONSEC.

4. TEXT OF CONCLUSIONS FOLLOWS:

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CONCLUSIONS OF MEXICAN-UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
EXPERTS REACHED AT THEIR MEETING HELD IN MEXICO CITY,
DECEMBER 6-7, 1973

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED TO BE
UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, AS A RESULT
OF THE MEETING.

WATER

1. ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS: THE
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION (IBWC) WILL
ANALYZE AND COMPARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION
AND REGULATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE THE SIMI-
LARITIES AND THE DIFFERENCES.

2. COLLECTION AND EXCHANGE OF DATA ON THE QUALITY
CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL WATERS: THE IBWC
WILL INVENTORY AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON MUNICIPAL AND
INDUSTRIAL WASTE DISCHARGES ALONG THE BORDER, AND ON
THEIR EFFECTS.

3. EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY: EXPERTS OF BOTH
COUNTRIES WILL EXCHANGE CRITERIA DOCUMENTS AND VISITS
TO AREAS OF DEMONSTRATION AND NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
INCLUDING WASTE WATER CONTROL AND RESEARCH PROJECTS OF
MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

AIR POLLUTION

1. ANALYSIS OF LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS:
UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN EXPERTS WILL ANALYZE AND COMPARE
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS OF BOTH
COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES.

2. DATA SURVEY AND EXCHANGE ON BORDER AIR POLLUTION
PROBLEMS: UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN EXPERTS WILL
INVENTORY AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON AIR POLLUTION
PROBLEMS ALONG THE BORDER, WITH AN INITIAL EMPHASIS
ON THE SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA AREA. SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WILL
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BE EXTENDED SUBSEQUENTLY TO OTHER CONTIGUOUS BORDER
CITIES. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO POLLUTION
PROBLEMS ARISING FROM VEHICLES.

3. EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY:
A) EXPERTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL EXCHANGE
QUALITY AND CRITERIA DOCUMENTS.
B) EPA INVITES MEXICAN EXPERTS WORKING ON

HIGH ALTITUDE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS, LIKE THOSE IN MEXICO CITY, TO MEET TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE WITH EPA OFFICIALS DEALING WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE IN DENVER, COLORADO.

C) EPA WILL PROVIDE MEXICO WITH INFORMATION ON THE ARIZONA INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND WILL ASSIST IN ARRANGING ANY DESIRED CONTACTS BETWEEN EXPERTS IN EACH COUNTRY ON THIS MATTER.

SOLID WASTE

1. EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY:

A) EPA WILL PROVIDE MEXICO WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE UNITED STATES SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, INCLUDING DATA ON DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AND COMPOSTING ACTIVITIES. IF DESIRED, EPA WILL ARRANGE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EXPERTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

B) MEXICO INVITES UNITED STATES EXPERTS TO VISIT ITS PILOT COMPOSTING PLANT IN MEXICO CITY WHEN IT ENTERS INTO OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE DATA ON THIS PLANT.

2. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION: THE UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE MEXICO INFORMATION AND WILL SEEK TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH CALIFORNIA'S ANTI-LITTER LEAGUE CAMPAIGN, IF DESIRED.

OTHER AREAS

EXPERTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL EXCHANGE DATA AND INFORMATION IN OTHER AREAS OF POLLUTION AS APPROPRIATE.

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DATES

THESE PROJECTS WILL BE INITIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE AIM OF COMPLETION BY JUNE 30, 1974. ANOTHER MEETING OF A GROUP SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH DEVELOPED THE PRESENT DOCUMENT IS CONTEMPLATED IN 1974 TO REVIEW PROGRESS ACHIEVED. END TEXT.
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